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# WOLF AT THE DOOR

## *A chat between*

### *Hitoshi Okuda & Sasami*



I really wanted to draw a dog manga! And then I realized... oh, look! I could do that here.

I like doggies, so I enjoyed this episode.

But just playing with dogs wouldn't be entertaining for the readers, so I had to give you some conflict!

...

What's wrong?

You're so mean... I thought I was going to die when I fell off that cliff. I was never told that there was a cliff there!

Tsk tsk! It had to look real or the readers would never buy it. That was the best way to do it, don't you think? 🎵

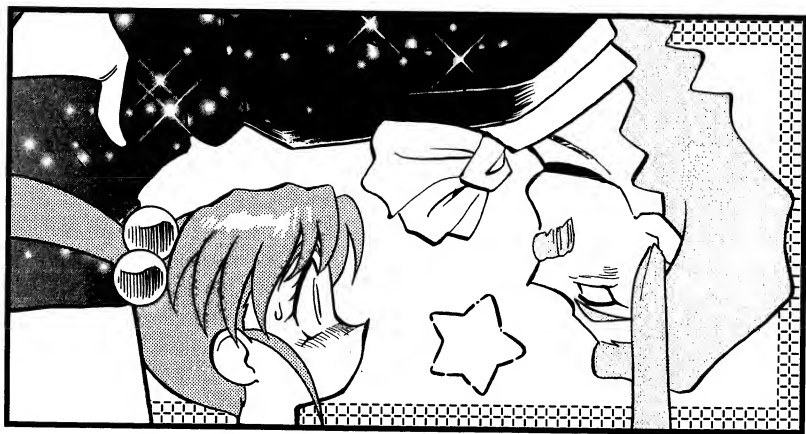
Hmm, I'm not convinced...

Anyway, what's that wolf doing these days?

He's the king of all the wild dogs now. I think he's currently on a cross-country journey gathering all the dogs together to defeat a giant and vicious bear that's destroying the wilderness.

You've been reading too much manga!

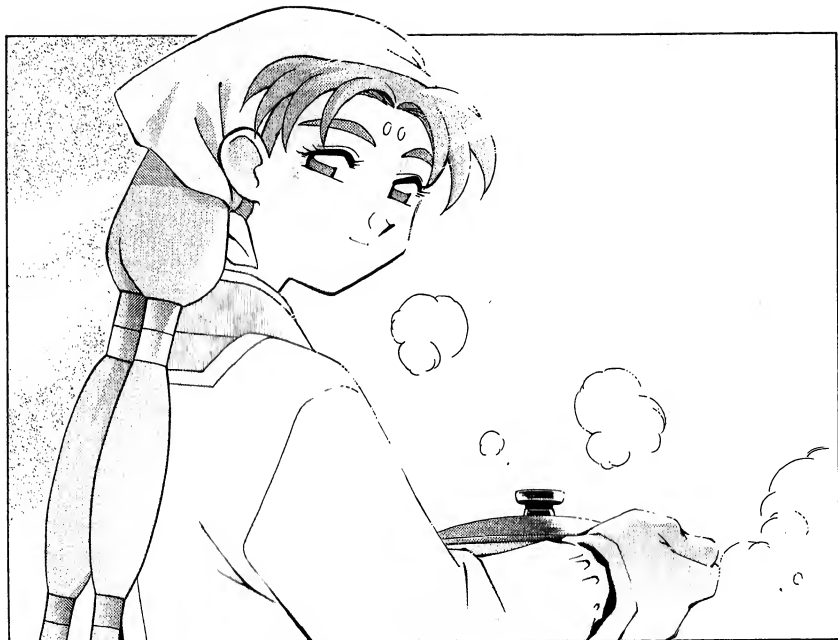
...Look who's talking...





Chapter 2

# THE FERROUS CHEF



## Chapter 2

# THE FERROUS CHEF PART TWO

# THE FERROUS CHEF

## *A chat between*

### *Hitoshi Okuda & Sasami*



I really wanted to draw a cooking manga!  
And then... oh, look! I could do that here.

This is starting the same as last time.

I'll just ignore that comment... That's right!  
A Sasami story is naturally about cooking! A  
cooking story is naturally about a cooking  
show! A cooking show is naturally about a  
cook-off!

S-sounds forced...

I got the idea from two television shows:  
**Tokyo Magazine** and **Iron Chef**.

Oh, that's right. I've seen **Tokyo Magazine**.  
They pick a random girl off the street and  
see if she can make a traditional dish like  
simmered yellowtail and daikon, or stewed  
hijiki, right?

That's right! But I have one complaint  
against that show!

What's that...?

**Why don't they get the guys to  
cook too?!**

Whoa! You're yelling too loud!

In this day and age, men and women alike  
have to look after themselves and manage  
household chores! That's true gender equality!

Why are you talking in a  
Southern accent...?





Chapter 3  
**HELP**

# HELP

## *A chat between* *Hitoshi Okuda & Sasami*



I wanted to draw a hiccup manga!

Okay, we get the idea...

Don't you appreciate running gags...?  
You're just a little kid after all...

I am **not** a little kid!

Heh... Getting so worked up about it just  
proves that you are

...I bet you're not very popular.

Urk! Wh-why do you say that... **Hic?!**

You got hiccups!

**Hic!** ...So what?! **Hic!** Hiccups aren't  
uncommon... **Hic!** It'll stop eventually!  
**Hic!** ...Hey... what are you doing?  
You're... **Hic!** ...keeping count? ...**Hic!**

That was your 7th. You have 93 more to go.

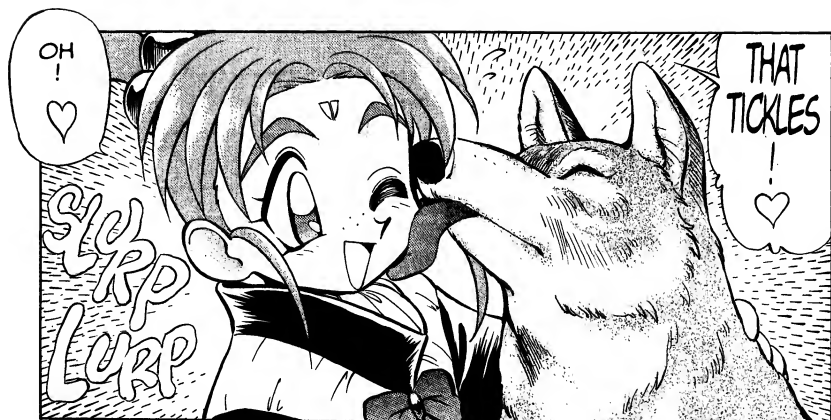
**Hic?!** ...This is ridiculous... That was...  
**Hic...** an old wives' tale... **Hic!**

Ten...

**One hour passes...**



...I-I thought it was  
just an old wives' tale...



# TENCHI Heaven! Forbid! Great

TENCHI, HEAVEN FORBID! G...  
IS THE STRIP THAT HITOSHI  
OKUDA DREW FOR THE PIONEER  
LDC FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER.  
SINCE IT WAS FOR MEMBERS ONLY,  
MOST PEOPLE PROBABLY DON'T  
KNOW IT EXISTED. HERE WE PRESENT  
ALL 74 EPISODES, DRAWN OVER  
SIX YEARS, ALONG WITH MR. OKUDA'S  
COMMENTARY!

NO.1: "INAUSPICIOUS?  
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?"



(SASAMI) IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE **FOUR** PANELS! I KNOW YOU'RE NO STICKLER FOR RULES, BUT...

(OKUDA) I'D FAIL AS A MANGA ARTIST IF I GOT BOGGED DOWN BY **RULES**. THIS IS HOW IT'S GONNA BE! I'LL SUBTRACT ANOTHER PANEL NEXT... NO, I'LL BE RADICAL AND SUBTRACT 2!

(SASAMI) IT'D JUST BE ONE PANEL THEN...

(OKUDA) WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS?! I'LL TAKE THIS **TENCHI MUYO! SASAMI** STORIES AND...

(SASAMI) YOU'LL GO BANKRUPT IF YOU DO THIS.

(OKUDA) ...TOSS IT HERE AND THERE...

(SASAMI) SEE? SOMEONE PICKED IT UP AND **RAN** TO SELL IT AT THE USED BOOK STORE...

(OKUDA) **ARRRGH!** (STREAMING TEARS OF BLOOD)



# NO.3: "I'VE RENEWED MINE!" ♥



(COKUDA) I'VE FILLED OUT MY RENEWAL FORM AS A MEMBER FROM THE FIRST ROUND.

(SASAMI) GOOD FOR YOU.

(COKUDA) AND I WOULD **NEVER** TRY TO SUBMIT SOMETHING TO THE FAN ART SECTION, ONLY TO BE STOPPED BY MY EDITOR.

(SASAMI) ...ARE YOU SURE...?

(SASAMI) WHOA! UNCLE NOBLYUKI HAS A HOBBY LIKE THAT! DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT...

(COKUDA) **EXACTLY** MY POINT! WHO USES SUCH A HUGE CAMERA THESE DAYS?! HARDLY SUITED FOR PEEPING!

(SASAMI) THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

# NO.4: "NEXT VOLUME COMING SOON!" ♪



NO. 5: "OBI GYU IS EXCELLENT!"



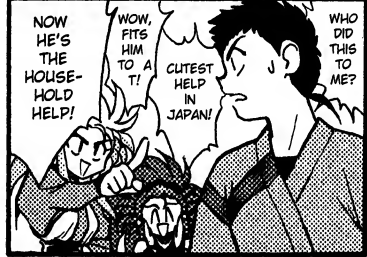
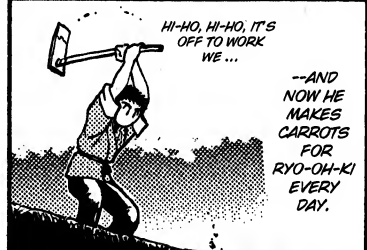
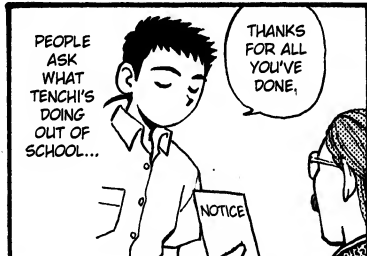
(COKUDA) THIS IS A PARODY OF A JUDO MANGA CALLED *OBI WO GYUTONE!* (TIGHTEN YOUR BELT). I'M A BIG FAN OF EBIZUKA.

(SASAMD HEY! I'D NEVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!)

(COKUDA) THIS IS ALSO AN OBI GYU PARODY. IT FITS SO WELL, IT'S SCARY. I HAD OTHER ONES, TOO, BUT I WAS AFRAID OF SHOGAKUKAN'S BACKLASH, SO I REINED MYSELF IN.

(SASAMD WELL, GEE--I HOPE SO.

NO. 6: "OBI GYU VOLUME 23, PART 69."



ONCE AGAIN, I'M SORRY, MR. KATSUTOSHI KAWA!

NO. 7: "NEWSPAPERS ARE EXPENSIVE!"



(SASAMI) NO! YOU'RE RUINING AZAKA AND KAMIDAKE FOR EVERYONE!

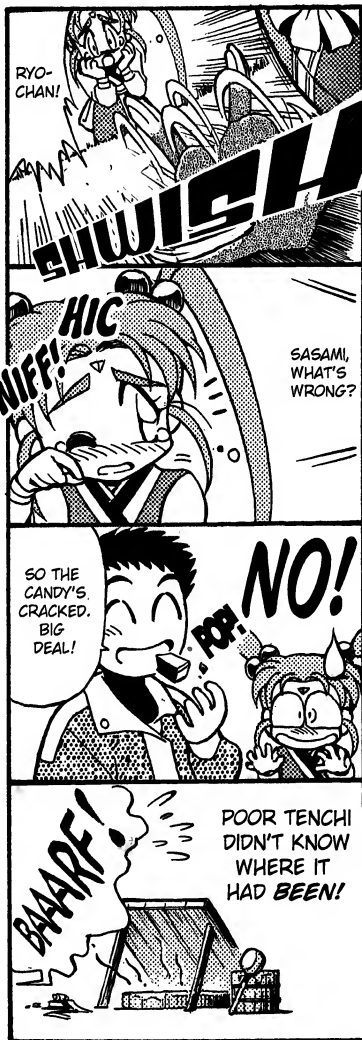
(OKUDA) Hmm...I'D LIKE TO USE THIS IDEA IN THE ACTUAL MANGA, TOO.

(SASAMI) I'M SORRY, EVERYONE... THIS IS SO DISGUSTING...

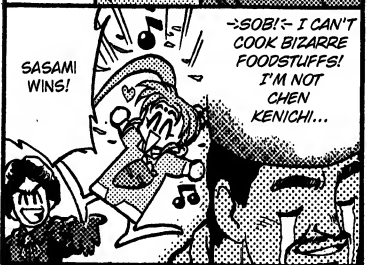
(OKUDA) WHY MUST YOU APOLOGIZE?! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M TRYING TO PORTRAY THE REAL RURAL JAPANESE LANDSCAPE TO THE YOUNG GENERATION?!

NO. 8:

"THE TRUTH (?) BEHIND SASAMI'S VALENTINE."



NO.9: "ALIEN CHEF!"



(OKUDA) WELL, YOU KNOW IT'S CALLED TENCHI MIYŌ!

(TENCHI) ARGH! LENME GO, SASAMI!

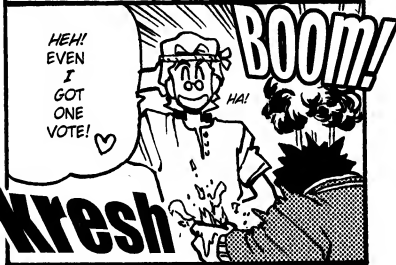
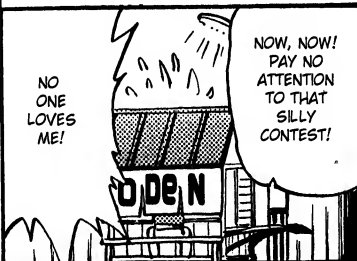
(SASAMI) N-NO, TENCHI! DON'T DO IT! EVEN IF HITOSHI OKUDA IS AN EVIL WRITER, YOU STILL CAN'T KILL PEOPLE!

NO. 10- "BUT I'M THE MAIN CHARCTER..."<sup>8</sup>

THE FAN CLUB POLL IS OUT...

1. SASAMI
2. MIHOSHI
3. RYO-OH-KI
4. AYEKA

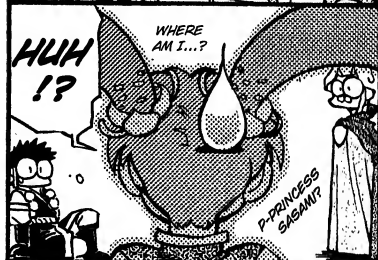
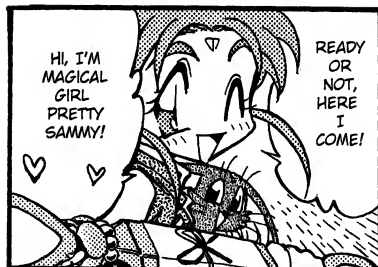
...AND ONE NAME ISN'T ON IT!



(SASAMI) YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT CARICATURES.

(OKUDA) SORRY.

NO.11: "LEAVE IT TO ME?"



WHO IS THIS MYSTERIOUS GIRL IN THE TIGHT DRESS IN PANEL 3?! RUN OUT AND BUY THE JUNE ISSUE OF COMIC DRAGON!

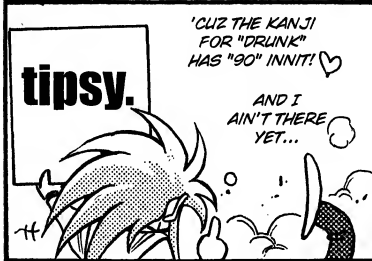
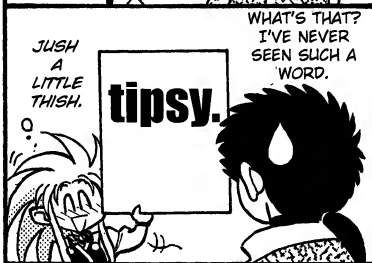
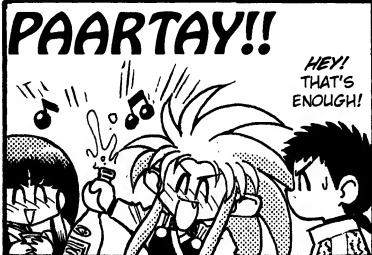
(SASAMU) YAY, IT'S PRETTY SAMMY! ♥ SHE'S IN NO NEED FOR TENCHI! VOLUME 3, ISN'T SHE?

(OKUDA) HEH,HEH...YOU'RE STARTING TO LEARN HOW TO ADVERTISE.

(OKUDA) WHAT AN EDUCATIONAL STRIP. NOW YOU CAN PASS THAT KANJI TEST!

(SASAMU) DON'T BE FOOLED, EVERYONE-- THERE IS NO SUCH KANJI.

VOL. 12: "DRINK UP!" ♥



NO. 13: "SHAMELESS PARADISE."



(AYEKA) ...HEH...HEH, HEH, HEH...

(SASAMD A-AYEKA...I...CAN'T BREATHE...STOP...CHOKING ME...

(OKUDA) A SISTERLY EMBRACE...WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

NO. 14: "CODE OF COSTUME PLAY."

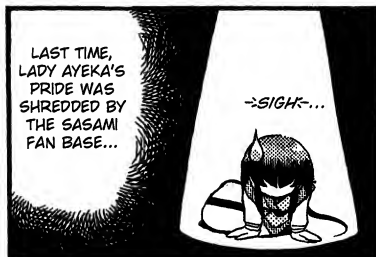


(SASAMD SO WHAT KIND OF BOOKS DID AYEKA GET?

(OKUDA) YOU WANT TO TAKE A LOOK? IT'S LIKE THIS---

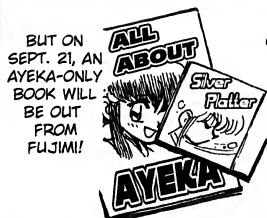
(SASAMD NOOOOO! DON'T SHOW ME!

NO.15: "SEPT. 21 IS  
YUMI TAKADA'S BIRTHDAY!" ♥



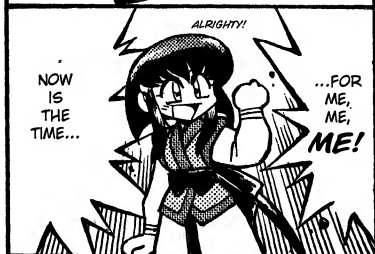
LAST TIME,  
LADY AYEKA'S  
PRIDE WAS  
SHREDDED BY  
THE SASAMI  
FAN BASE...

-SIGH-...



BUT ON  
SEPT. 21, AN  
AYEKA-ONLY  
BOOK WILL  
BE OUT  
FROM  
FUJIMI!

AND MS.  
TANAKA'S  
CD "SILVER  
PLATTER"  
WILL GO  
ON SALE  
THE SAME  
DAY!



NOW  
IS  
THE  
TIME...

ALRIGHTY!

...FOR  
ME,  
ME,  
ME!



BUT OUR  
REAL POINT  
IS...

I'M  
GLAD,  
BUT...

SEPT. 25  
IS OAV  
#13'S  
RELEASE  
DATE!

(SASAMI) POOR AYEKA...

(OKUDA) YEAH, RIGHT. I BET YOU'RE SAVORING  
YOUR VICTORY.

(SASAMI) TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!

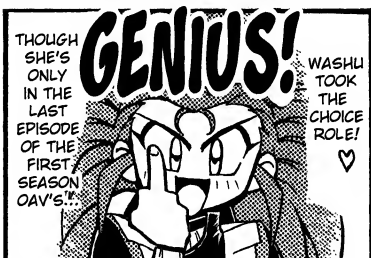
(OKUDA) LIAR! YOU'RE ALWAYS FIRST PLACE IN THE  
FAN POLLS, AND YOU'RE A PRO AT COOKING, CLEANING,  
AND LAUNDRY. PLUS, YOUR FUTURE IS TSUNAMI!  
YOUR HEART SWIRLS WITH SUPERIORITY TOWARDS  
YOUR SISTER! HA, HA, HA! ...HA...HUFF PUFF...  
I'M TIRED...

(OKUDA) MISAKI IS WORTHY OF SOME ATTENTION.  
SHE'S YOUR MOM AFTER ALL.

(SASAMI) YUP! I THINK SO, TOO.

(OKUDA) HA, HA! KIDS JUST DON'T  
UNDERSTAND SARCASTM.

NO.16: "THE TENCHI FORMULA?!"



THOUGH  
SHE'S  
ONLY  
IN THE  
LAST  
EPISODE  
OF THE  
FIRST  
SEASON  
OAV'S!...

**GENIUS!**

WASHU  
TOOK  
THE  
CHOICE  
ROLE!  
♥



IN THE  
2ND  
SEASON,  
SHE  
SHOWED  
HER  
MANY  
TALENTS!

EVEN  
BABYSITTING...

**HYPOTHESIS?**

THE  
CHARACTER  
WHO FIRST  
APPEARS  
IN A FINAL  
EPISODE  
HAS A  
GREATER  
ROLE IN  
THE NEXT  
SEASON!



HERE  
WE  
ARE  
AT  
THE  
END  
OF  
SEASON  
2...

...WITH  
A SLEW  
OF  
FIRST-  
TIMERS.



BUT  
SHE'S  
THE  
ONE  
TO  
WATCH!

WHAT  
WILL  
COME  
NEXT  
FOR  
HER?

**AW 'E AW**

NO. 17: "OH YEAH! DUH!"

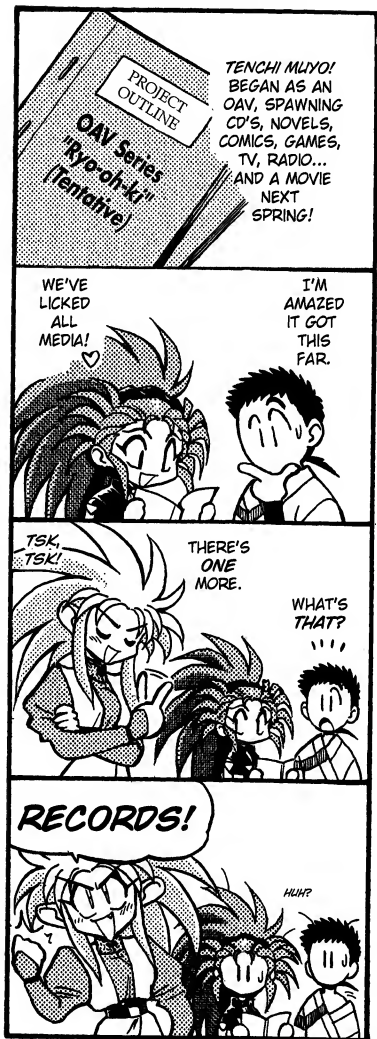
(OKUDA) HERE, A NEW YEAR'S MONEY POUCH.

(SASAMU) YAY, THANKS! W-WAIT...  
IT'S A PACKET OF TEA. AND **EMPTY**.

(OKUDA) HO, HO, HO! THOSE ARE MAGICAL  
BILLS THAT CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY THE VIRTUOUS.

(SASAMU) YOU SHOULD JUST ADMIT YOU DIDN'T  
WANT TO GIVE ANYTHING THIS YEAR...

NO.18: "A TRUE STORY OF A FATHER'S LOVE!"

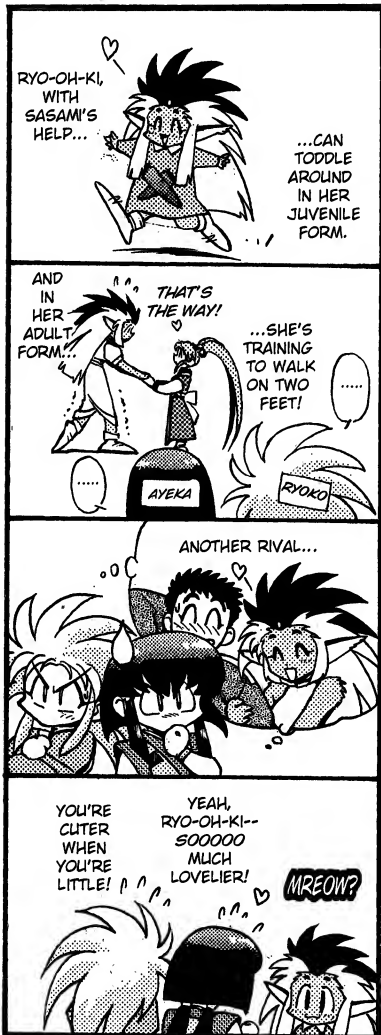


(SASAMU) HEY, WHAT ARE "RECORDS"?

(OKUDA) AH, THE GOOD OLD DAYS!  
I ONCE SCRATCHED A RECORD, AND  
MY BROTHER BEAT ME UP FOR IT...



NO.19: "FLATTERY WILL GET YOU NOWHERE..."



(SASAMI) WOW, MR. OKUDA, YOU'RE SO AWESOME!!♡  
SO HANDSOME!♡

(OKUDA) OF COURSE I AM!

(SASAMI) I SURE WON'T FLATTERY HIM TO DEATH...

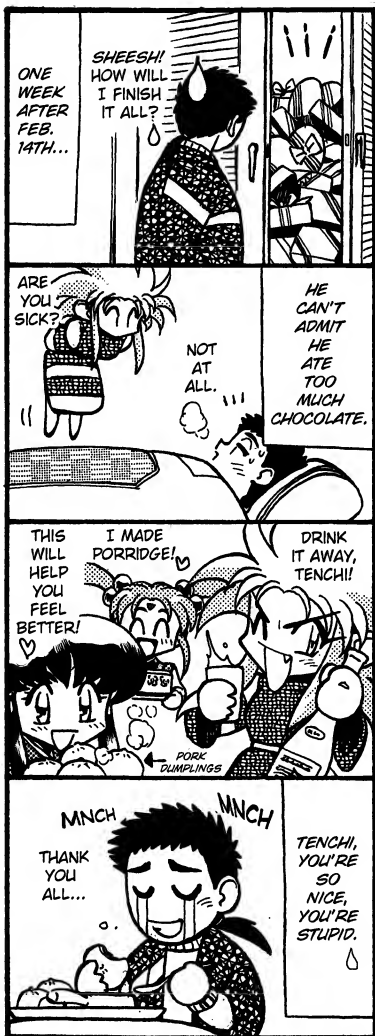
(OKUDA) AAAAAARRRGH!

(SASAMI) WH-WHAT'S WRONG?!

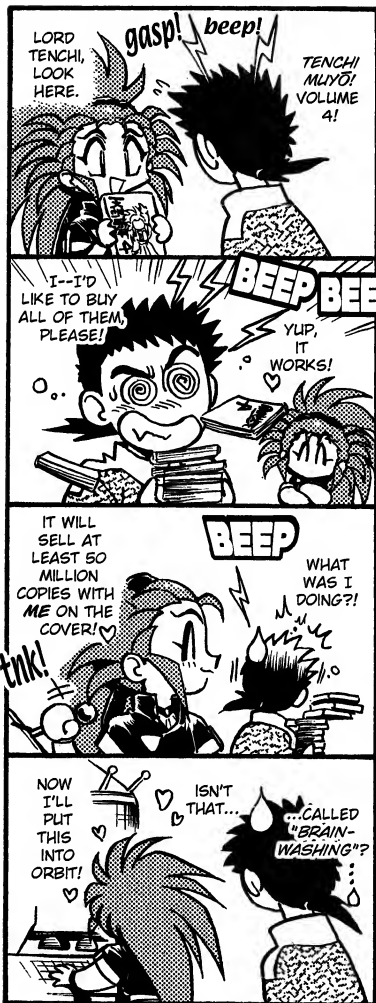
(AYEKA) SASAMI, JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE.  
VALENTINE'S DAY IS FULL OF PRIVATE MEMORIES

NO.20:

"THIS COULD HAPPEN EVERY YEAR?"



NO.21: "ON SALE APRIL 4TH!"



(COKUDA) I SERIOUSLY WANT THIS MACHINE...

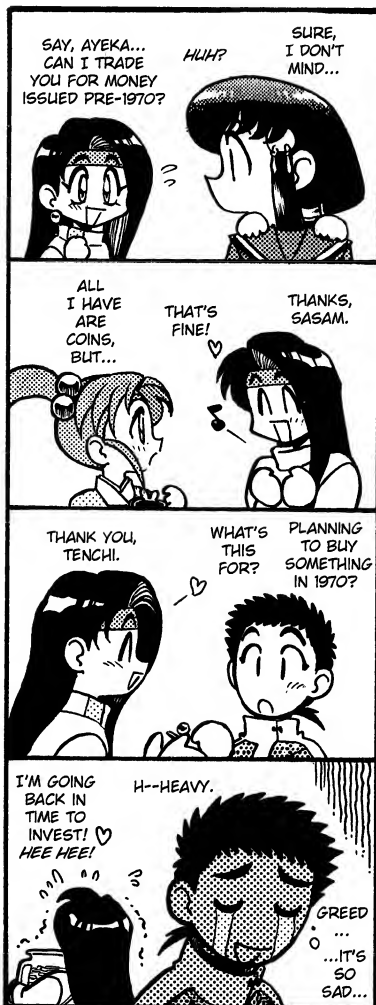
(SASAMU) UM...

(SASAMU) IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE STINGY THAT YOU THINK STUFF LIKE THIS UP?

(COKUDA) OF COURSE! THANK YOU FOR NOTICING.

(SASAMU) IT WASN'T A COMPLIMENT....

NO. 22: "DID YOU SEE THE MOVIE?"



CHECK OUT "HOW TO ART" IN THE JUNE NEWTYPE, ON SALE MAY 9!

NO. 23:  
"WHY KIYONE ISN'T IN THE OAV'S."



(SASAMD) ISN'T THIS KIYONE'S MEMORY LOSS HAMMER?

(OKUDA) HEH, HEH, HEH--WITH THIS, EVEN IF I MISS DEADLINE...

(EDITOR) HI, ARE YOU DONE YET?

(OKUDA) HIYAA! \*BONK!\*

(OKUDA) .....

(SASAMD) .....

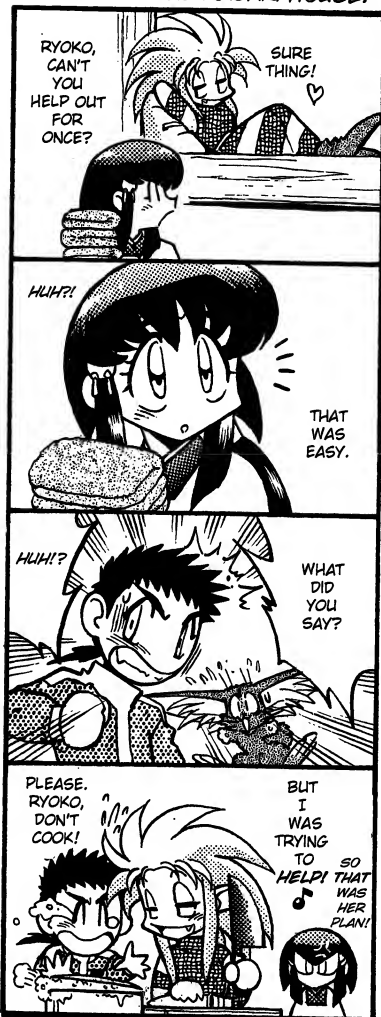
(OKUDA) SAY...

(SASAMD) NO! RYO-OH-KI ISN'T FOR RENT!

NO. 24: "GOOD JOB, RYO-CHAN!"



NO. 25: "A CASE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AT THE MASAKI HOUSE."



(OKUDA) IS COOKING THE ONLY THING YOU WANT HER TO AVOID...?

(SASAMI) I'M SURE SHE COULD HANDLE CHORES IF SHE TRIED.

(OKUDA) I SEE. LIKE THE LAUNDRY...AND DISHES...AND...

(SASAMI) WELL...MAYBE NOT.

(RYOKO) WHADDYA MEAN?!

(OKUDA) IN ANY CASE...

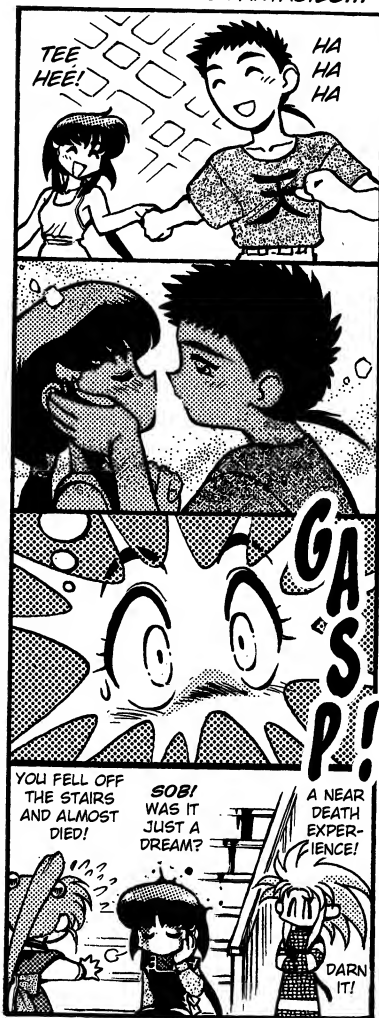
(SASAMI) WHAT?

(OKUDA) AT THIS RATE, AYEKA'S THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BE QUEEN...

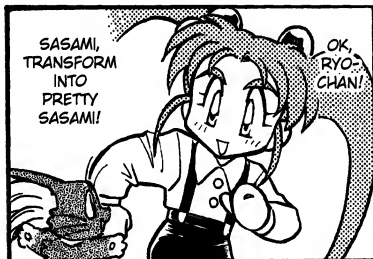
(SASAMI) DON'T SAY IT!

(AYEKA) WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!

NO. 26: "AYEKA'S FANTASIES..."



NO. 27: "NEXT, WE'LL HAVE A MOVIE!"



SASAMI,  
TRANSFORM  
INTO  
PRETTY  
SASAMI!

OK,  
RYO-  
CHAN!

(SASAMI) .....

(OKUDA) .....

(SASAMI) ...NO. 12: "THE HEART IS ALWAYS A  
BLUE SKY SQUAD!"

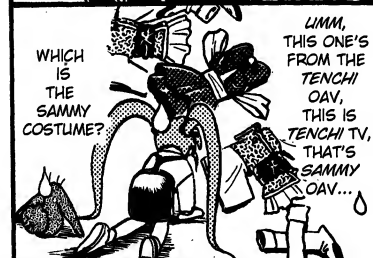
(OKUDA) AAARGH!



SHE'S  
LATE.

SAMMY  
SHOULD  
BE  
HERE  
BY  
NOW.

FIRST  
TIME TO  
DRAW TV  
MISA!



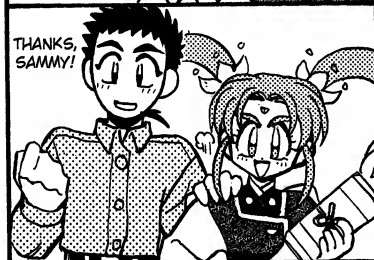
WHICH  
IS  
THE  
SAMMY  
COSTUME?

UMMM,  
THIS ONE'S  
FROM THE  
TENCHI  
OAV,  
THIS IS  
TENCHI TV,  
THAT'S  
SAMMY  
OAV...

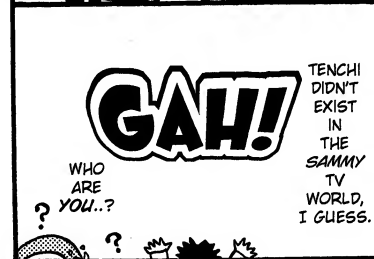
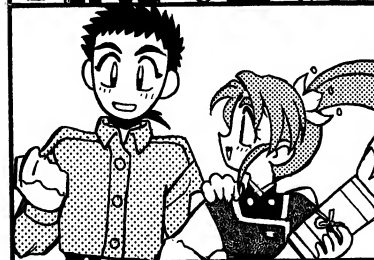


I'LL NEVER  
FORGET THIS,  
SAMMY! I'LL  
BE BACK!

JUSTICE.  
WILL  
PREVAIL!



THANKS  
SAMMY!



**GAH!**

WHO  
ARE  
YOU...?

TENCHI  
DIDN'T  
EXIST  
IN  
THE  
SAMMY  
TV  
WORLD,  
I GUESS.

ARGH,  
IT'S  
ALL  
TEXT!

(OKUDA) I REALLY ENJOYED MR. KUROTA'S DOUBLE  
SAMMY NOVEL! I BOUGHT THE CD, TOO!  
IT'S EVEN BETTER WITH SOUND!

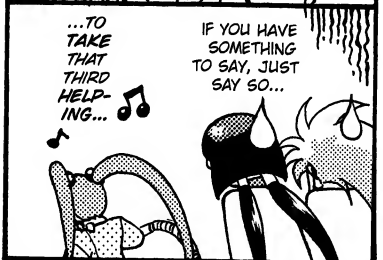
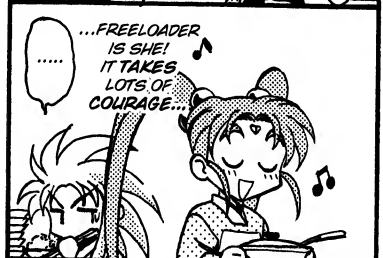
(SASAMI) .....

(OKUDA) WHAT'S THE MATTER?

(SASAMI) YOU MEAN YOU CAN SAY NICE THINGS,  
TOO, SOMETIMES?

(OKUDA) LEAVE ME ALONE.

NO. 29: "SASAMI, YOU'RE SO MEAN!"



(COKUDA) YOU'RE PRETTY OBNOXIOUS SOMETIMES.

(SASAMI) WHAT? I WAS JUST INNOCENTLY SINGING A SONG.

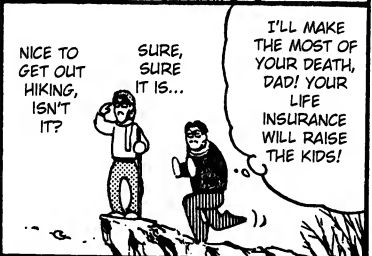
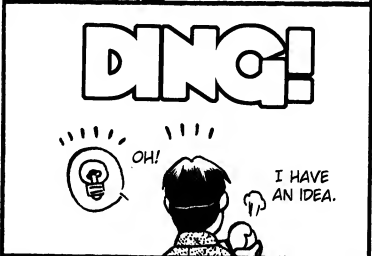
(COKUDA) YUP, SURE YOU WERE...

(COKUDA) SO WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THIS?

(SASAMI) COME TO THINK OF IT, YOSHO TOLD US UNCLE NOBUYUKI FELL OFF THAT CLIFF...

(COKUDA) SO YOSHO HAD THE UPPER HAND AFTER ALL.

NO. 30: "SELL THE LAND FIRST!"



NO. 31:

"THE FACIAL JOINT MAKES HIM CUTE..."



(SASAMI AHHH, TENCHI! ♥)

(COKUDA) WHY DON'T THEY NOTICE THE ANTENNA ON HIS HEAD?

(SASAMI) SURFING THE WEB IS FUN! ♥

(COKUDA) YEAH? AND WHAT SITES DO YOU FREQUENT?

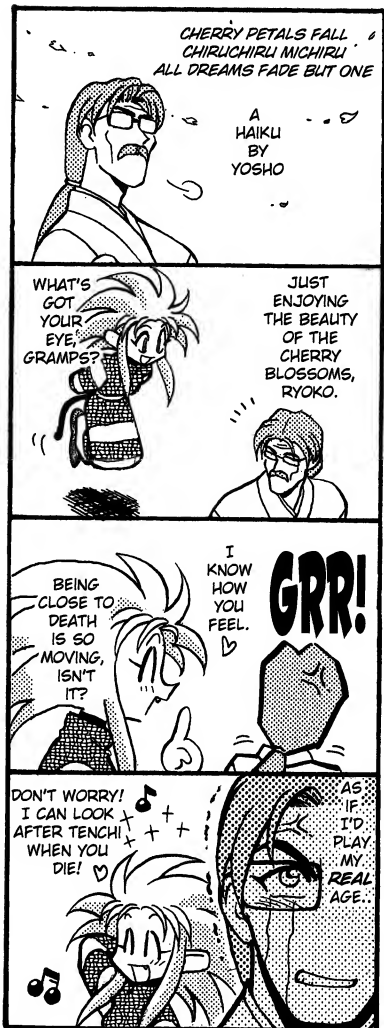
(SASAMI) WELL, CHANNEL 2'S FLAME-FEST, FOR ONE.

(COKUDA) WHAT?!

NO. 32: "ANYONE CAN BE A HACKER."



NO.33: "BE PATIENT, YOSHO!"



(SASAMD) WHAT'S CHIRUCHIRU MICHIRU?

(OKUDA) BACK IN THE DAY, IT WAS A BRAND OF 100 YEN CIGARETTE LIGHTER. OF COURSE, NOW YOU CAN BUY TWO OR THREE FOR THAT.

(SASAMD) YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE OLDEN DAYS, HAVING LIVED THROUGH IT AND EVERYTHING!

(OKUDA) I'LL WRING YOUR NECK SOME DAY. I WILL.

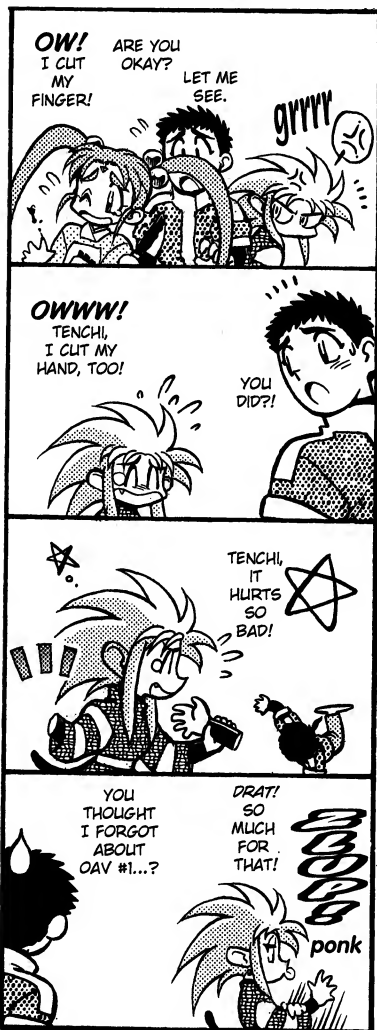
(OKUDA) HA, HA, HA! YOU SURE PLAY SOME CHEAP TRICKS TO ATTRACT ATTENTION FROM YOUR GUY.

(SASAMD) I DO NOT!

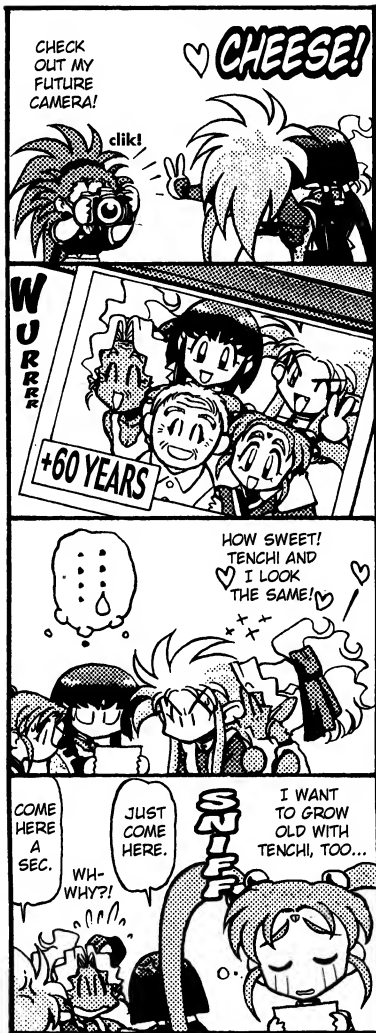
(OKUDA) YEAH, SURE--LET'S JUST PRETEND.

(SASAMD) GRRR!

NO.34: "IS RYOKO A NAMEKKIAN?"



NO.35: "OH, WASHU-EMON!"



(OKUDA) THERE'S A LIMIT TO LIFESPAN.

(SASAMU) I KNOW. BUT I'D STILL LIKE TO GROW GRAY WITH TENCHI ...

(OKUDA) THAT'S SO NICE OF YOU...

(SASAMU) I SHOULD JUST TAKE HIM TO JURAI AND USE THE LIFE EXTENSION DEVICE!

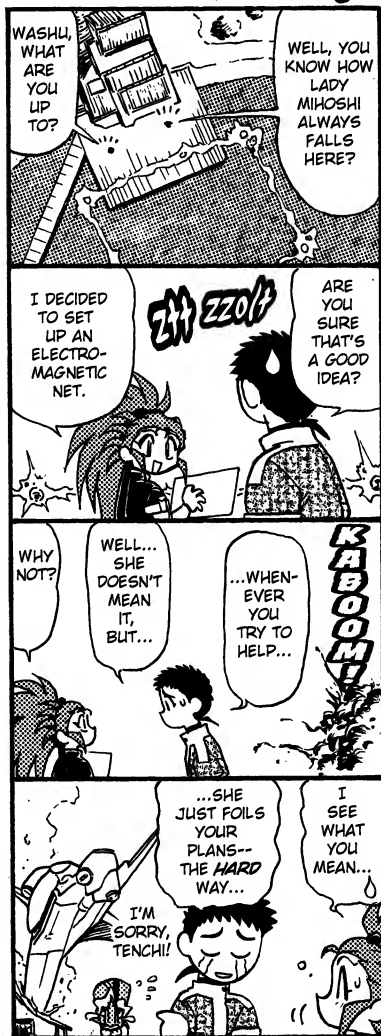
(OKUDA) TH-THAT'S YOUR SOLUTION?

(OKUDA) THREE WHOLE YEARS! AT JUST ONE STRIP A MONTH, I'VE FOUND OUT HOW REEEEEALLY TOUGH IT IS.

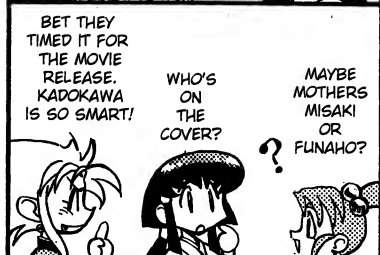
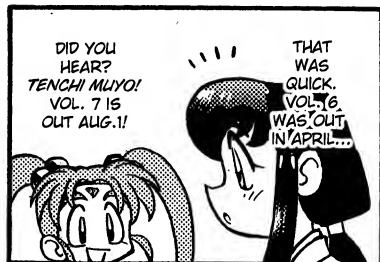
(SASAMU) THE PEOPLE WHO DO DAILY COMIC STRIPS MUST BE AMAZING.

(OKUDA) HONESTLY, I HAVE TO ADMIRE THEM

NO.36: "3-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!  
GOOD JOB, HITOSHI!"



# NO.37: "COVERBOY TENCHI?!"



(COKUDA) I EVEN DID A ROUGH DRAFT OF TENCHI ON THE VOLUME 12 COVER, BUT...

(SASAMI) YOUR EDITOR SHOT IT DOWN, HUH...?

(COKUDA) YEAH...

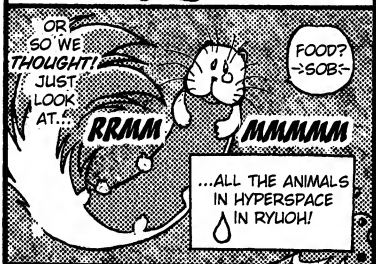
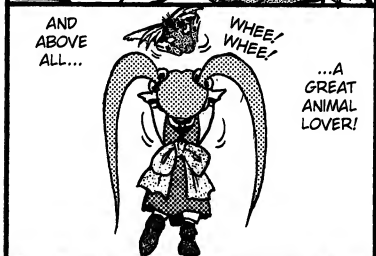
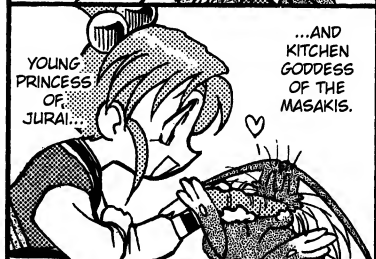
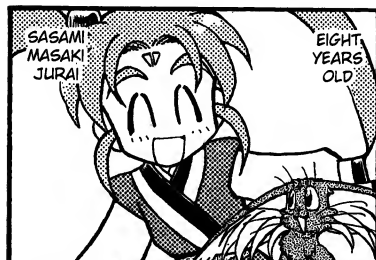
(COKUDA) SASAMI, YOU'RE RATHER COLD SOMETIMES.

(SASAMI) NO, I'M NOT! I GO SEE HIM A LOT OFFSCREEN.

(COKUDA) YEAH, RIGHT.

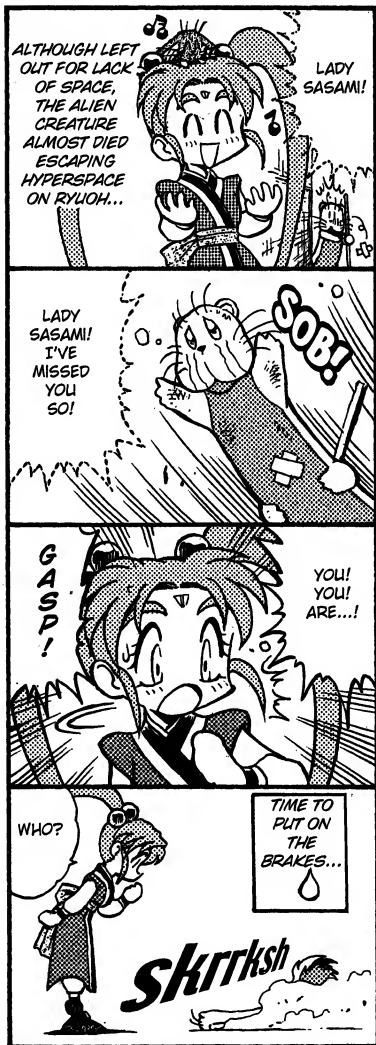
(SASAMI) YOU'VE GOTTEN SO CRANKY IN YOUR OLD AGE.

# NO.38: "OH, RIGHT..."



PERSONAL AD! THE SUDDENLY PRINCESS CD IS HERE! CHECK IT OUT! PLEASE!

NO.39: "GO, ALIEN CREATURE!"



(OKUDA) SEE, YOU'D FORGOTTEN.

(SASAMI) THIS IS JUST ACTING.

(OKUDA) OH, REEEEEALLY. IT MERITS AN OSCAR THEN.

(SASAMI) HMPH...HE IS CRANKY.

(SASAMI) I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D ADVERTISE HERE.

(OKUDA) WHY NOT? IT'S HARMLESS. ALL SIX VOLUMES OUT FROM KADOKAWA! BUY THE CDS, VIDEOS, AND LDS!

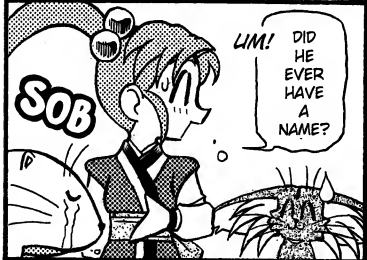
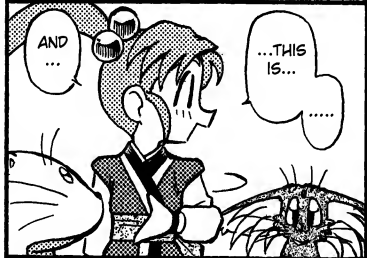
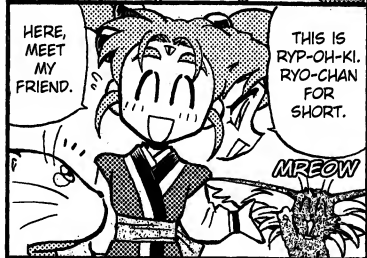
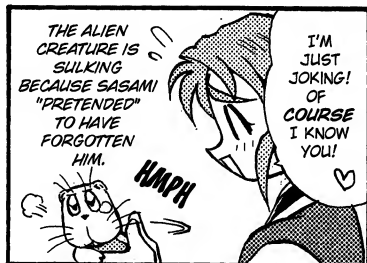
(SASAMI) LDS...? THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT IN DVD?

(OKUDA) I KNOW! >SOB< >SOB< >SOB<

NO.40:  
"SORRY FOR THE PERSONALL AD!"



NO.41: "BE PATIENT, ALIEN CREATURE!"



(OKUDA) HEY...

(SASAMI) YES?

(OKUDA) I'M SERIOUSLY STARTING TO PITY THIS ALIEN CREATURE.

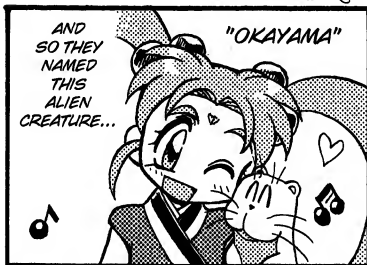
(SASAMI) >SNFF< I'M SORRY.

(OKUDA) MOST TENCHI! CHARACTERS ARE NAMED AFTER LOCATIONS IN OKAYAMA PREFECTURE.

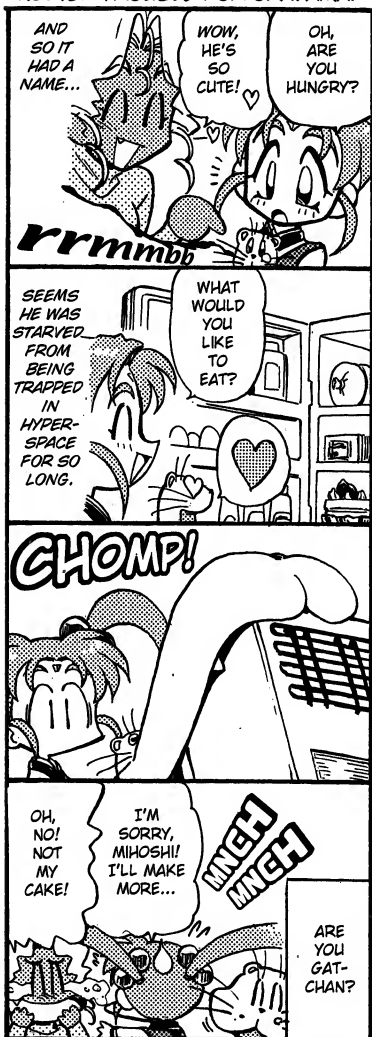
(SASAMI) AND YOU WERE RUNNING OUT OF IDEAS.

(OKUDA) DON'T SAY THAT!

NO.42: "THE ULTIMATE NAME." 0



NO.43: "TROUBLE FOR OKAYAMA."



(COKUDA) WE CAN HAVE A STORY ABOUT HOW THE ENTIRE MASAKI HOUSE WAS EATEN BY OKAYAMA...

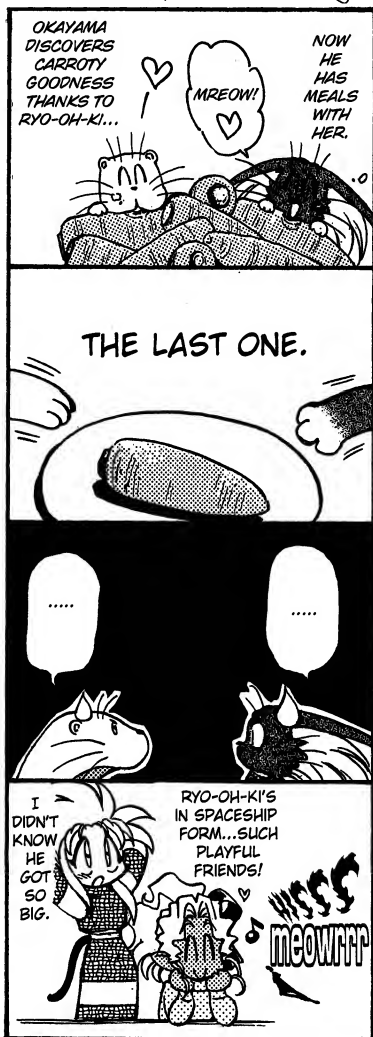
(SASAMI) OH NO YOU DON'T!

(SASAMI) IT'S SO HARD TO REACH FOR THAT LAST MORSEL.

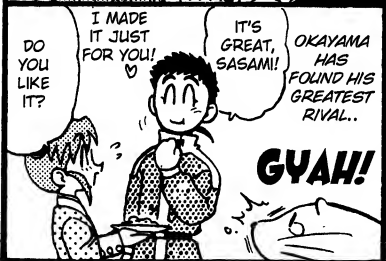
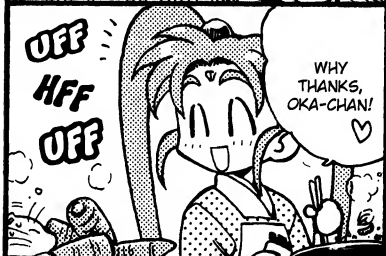
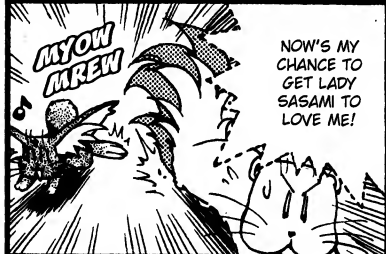
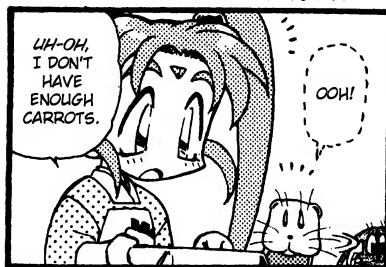
(COKUDA) REALLY? I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THAT PROBLEM.

(SASAMI) NO...I DIDN'T THINK SO.

NO.44: "AH, FRIENDSHIP..."



NO.45: "MURDEROUS INTENT."



(OKUDA) SO THAT'S HOW MURDERS BEGIN?

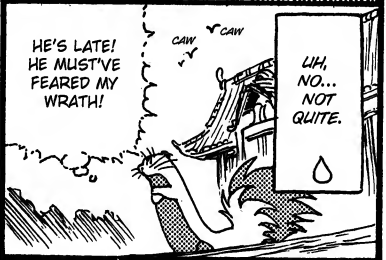
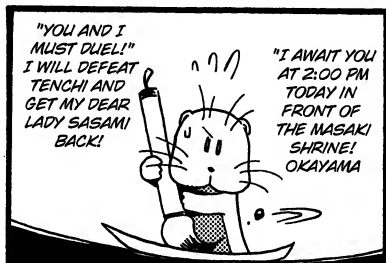
(SASAM) I-I NEVER KNEW...

PERSONAL AD! SUDDENLY PRINCESS OAV.V.2 IS HERE IT'S REALLY GREAT! CHECK IT OUT!

(OKUDA) TENCHI AVOIDED DEATH BY A HAIR...  
OKAYAMA'S GOOD AT RIPPING THE CAROTID ARTERY.

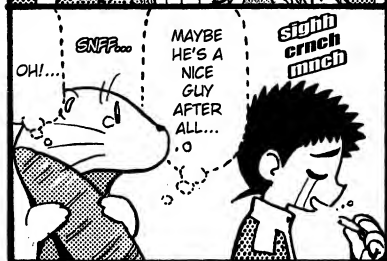
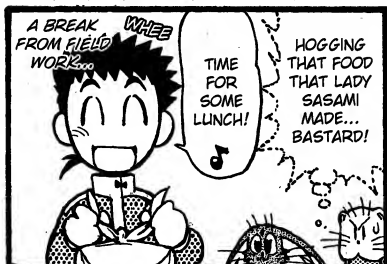
(SASAM) YEEEEK!

NO.46: "TENCHI'S LIFE IN DANGER!"



PERSONAL AD! SUDDENLY PRINCESS GRAPHIC NOVEL V.5 IS OUT! QUICK, RUN TO THE BOOKSTORE!

# NO.47: "A GLIMPSE OF PEACE."



(COKUDA) THIS HAPPENED IN OAV #10, TOO! YOU CAN'T HAVE JUST RICE CRACKERS FOR LUNCH!

(SASAMI) WHAT?! YOU CAN'T?!

SORRY FOR ALL THESE PERSONAL ADS! THE LAST VOLUME OF SUDDEENLY PRINCESS IS OUT! IT'S AWESOME!

(COKUDA) I NEVER IMAGINED AT THE TIME THAT IT WOULD COME OUT IN GRAPHIC NOVEL FORM LIKE THIS.

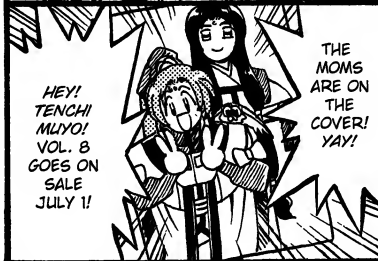
(SASAMI) CONGRATULATIONS! ♡

(COKUDA) THANK YOU, THANK... SOB!  
(CHOKED WITH TEARS)

# NO.48:

"WH-WHAT ABOUT THE COVER OF VOL. 9?!"

## 4-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TENCHI FORBID!



NO.49: "I'M REALLY SORRY..." 0



(OKUDA) I HAVEN'T EVEN GONE HOME FOR OBON THESE PAST COUPLE YEARS.

(SASAMI) ISN'T THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE SLOW, SO THE WORK PILES UP...?

(OKUDA) .....

I SAID TENCHI VOLUME 8 WAS OUT JULY 1, BUT IT WAS AUG. 1 I'M SORRY... 0

(OKUDA) THE ECONOMY'S BEEN SLOW THESE DAYS...

(SASAMI) YEAH. SO ARE THE SALES OF YOUR GRAPHIC NOVELS...

(OKUDA) YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SAY THAT.

NO.50: "THE ECONOMY'S LAST RESORT?"



NO.51: "NEPOTISM."



(COKUDA) YOUR SISTER HAS A SCREW LOOSE.

(SASAMU) BUT SHE'S PRETTY--AND VERY NICE.

(COKUDA) "BUT"?! SO YOU'RE NOT DENYING SHE HAS A SCREW LOOSE?

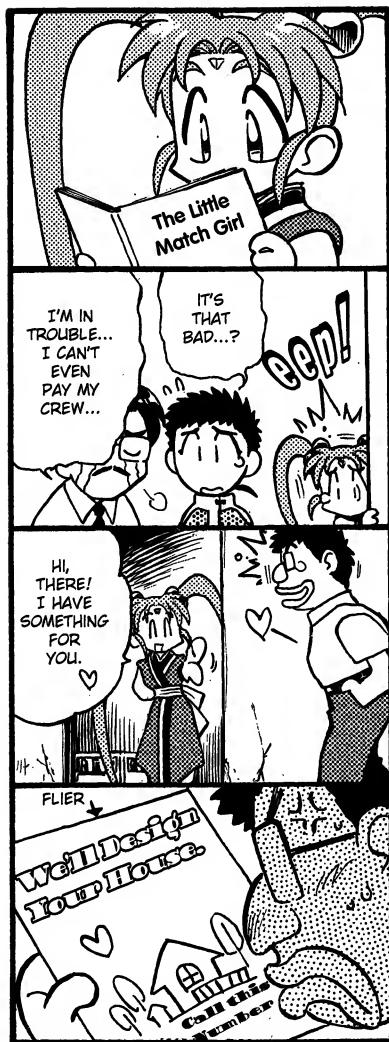
(SASAMU) AGGH! STOP LEADING THE WITNESS!

(COKUDA) SO, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS.

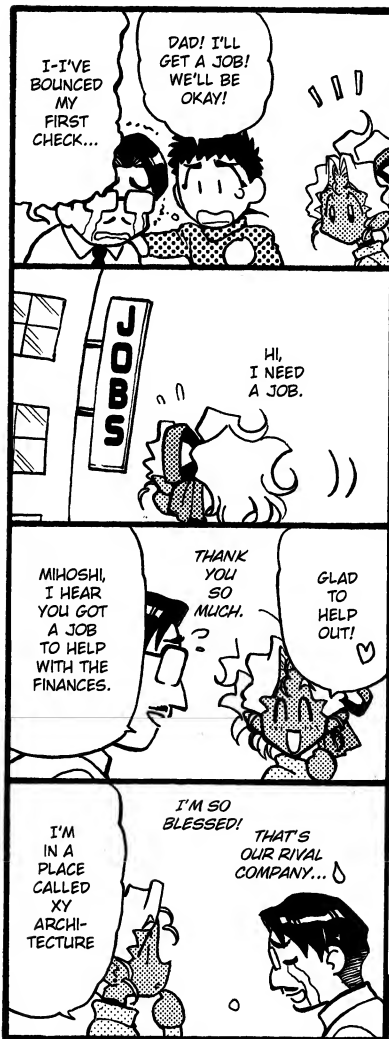
(SASAMU) I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU SAY THAT...

(COKUDA) SELL MY GRAPHIC NOVELS, TOO.

NO.52: "PRACTICAL APPLICATION."



NO.53: "WHAT'S HELLO-WORK?"



PERSONAL AD: TENCHI VOLUME 9 IS OUT DEC. 1! CHECK IT OUT! ♥

(OKUDA) OH GOOD--NOW THEY HAVE LOTS OF MONEY AND WORK.

(SASAMD REALLY? SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT ABOUT THIS...

NO.43: "W-WASHU, ME TOO..."



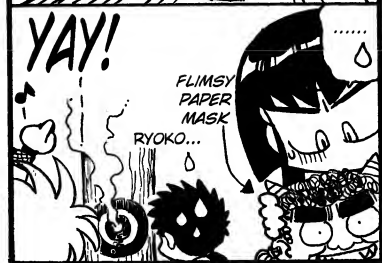
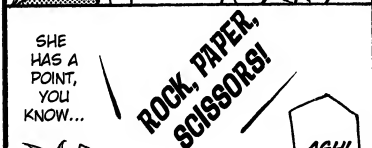
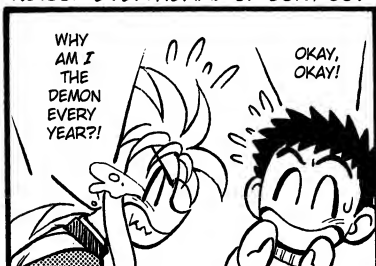
PERSONAL AD: SUDDENLY PRINCESS V. IS OUT JAN. 10! YAY!

(OKUDA) IT'S FUNNY NOW, BUT FORMER TOKYO GOVERNOR AOJIMA PUBLICLY SLIPPED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW "HELLO WORK" WAS THE NEW NAME FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE.

(SASAMD YOU MEAN YOU CAN BE GOVERNOR WITHOUT READING THE NEWSPAPER?

(OKUDA) S-SO HARSH.

NO.55: "EVER HEARD OF CONT 55?"



(OKUDA) WHAT A HEARTWARMING ENDING.

(SASAM) ARE YOU KIDDING?! AYEKA'S GOT 176 HOLES IN HER BODY!

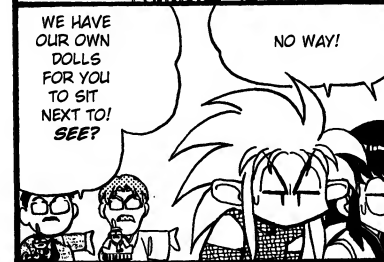
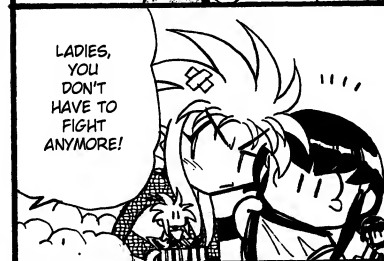
(OKUDA) I-I GUESS THAT'S SERIOUS...

(OKUDA) SO WHO GOT THE SPOT NEXT TO THE PRINCE?

(SASAM) HEE, HEE...ME!♡ TEEE, HEEE!♡♡♡

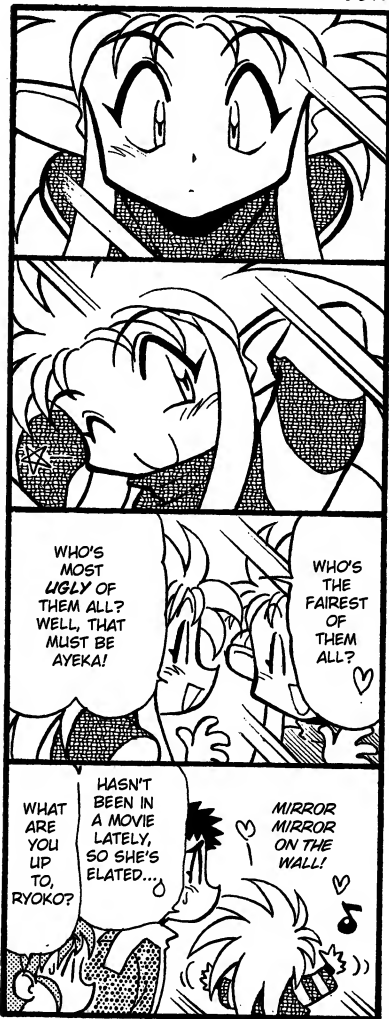
(OKUDA) YOU'RE SO SHREWD...

NO.56: :WHAT ABOUT APRIL 4 THEN?"



NO.57:

"THE QUEEN OF THE SILVER SCREEN?"



(COKUDA) WHEN A SHOW BECOMES A MOVIE, IS IT A HAPPY EVENT FOR THE ACTORS, TOO?

(SASAMU) OF COURSE! YOU GET TO **MOVE**, AND HAVE **VOICES** AND MUSIC AND STUFF!

(COKUDA) I KNOW, I KNOW--THERE'S NO SOUND IN MANGA.

(SASAMU) HE'S SULKING AGAIN.

(COKUDA) YEAH, IT WAS A REAL RISK...

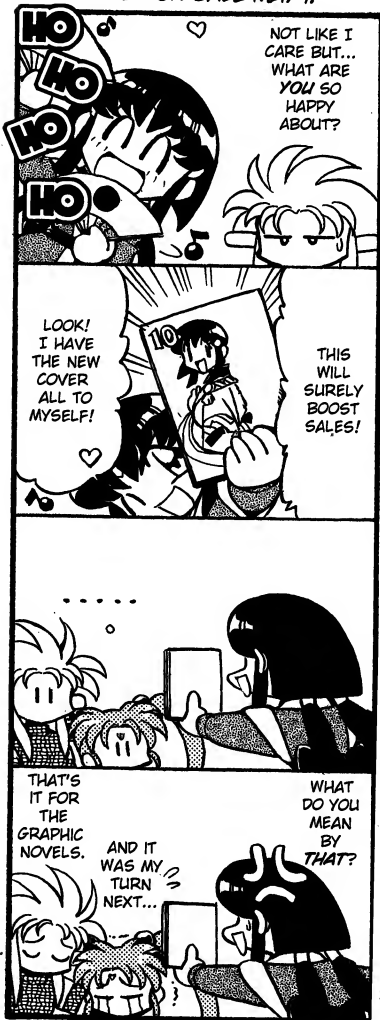
(AYEKA) SAY **WHAT?! \*CRASH\* \*WHAM\* \*CRACK\***

(COKUDA) NOO! **GAAH!**

(SASAMU) AYEKA, STOP! DON'T HURT HIS RIGHT HAND JUST BECAUSE I'M NEXT IN LINE FOR THE COVER!

(COKUDA) S-SO HEARTLESS...

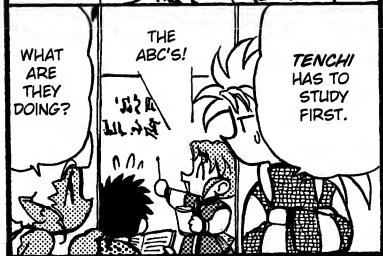
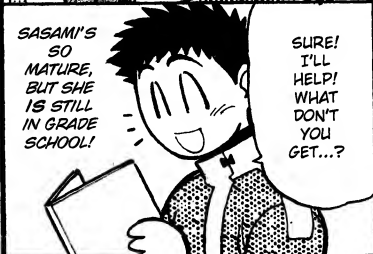
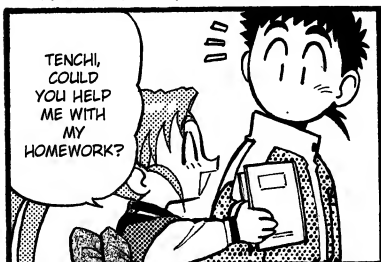
NO.58: "ON SALE MAY 1."



SHE WAS WITH SASAMU ON THE COVER OF GRAPHIC NOVEL V. 2.

NO.59:

"TENCHI DID QUIT HIGH SCHOOL."



(COKUDA) HOW WERE YOUR GRADES WHEN YOU WENT TO SCHOOL IN JURAI?

(SASAMI) GOOD.

(COKUDA) A CURT ANSWER IS ALL I GET? WELL, THERE'S NO ONE TO REFUTE IT HERE ON EARTH.

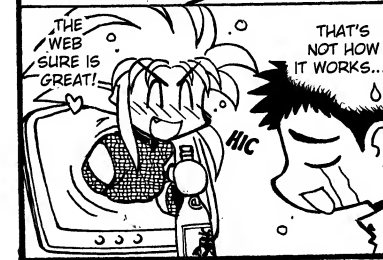
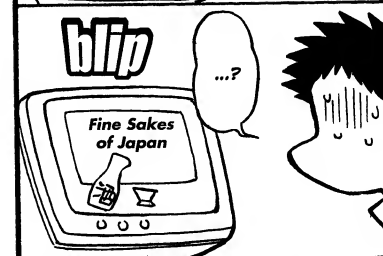
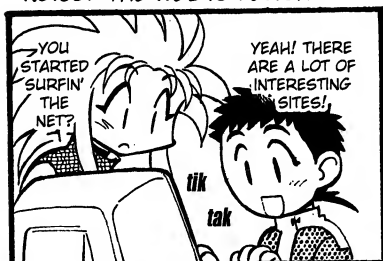
(SASAMI) YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO PUT IN THE LAST WORD, HUH?

(COKUDA) THE WEB IS TOO FUN. YOU CAN'T STOP ONCE YOU START SURFING.

(SASAMI) IT MUST BE TOUGH WHEN YOU HAVE NO SELF-CONTROL.

(COKUDA) ARE YOU TALKIN' TO ME?

NO.60: "THE WEB IS DELISH!"



NO.61: "THE WEB IS DIFFICULT!"



(COKUDA) OUR ISDN SLOWS DOWN WHEN I'M LOADING A BIG FILE.

(SASAMU) YOU SHOULD SWITCH TO DSL OR CABLE.

(COKUDA) NAH. IT WOULD BE A PAIN TO GO BACK TO ANALOG, SO WE HAVEN'T BOTHERED...

(SASAMU) YOU GET CALLED A LOSER BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS PUT THESE THINGS OFF.

(COKUDA) WHO SAID THAT?!

(COKUDA) I WAS ON SOMEONE ELSE'S COMPUTER AND OPENED A PAGE LIKE THIS BY MISTAKE. AND THEY SAW ME. IT WAS SO EMBARRASSING!

(SASAMU) OM/GOD! YOU'RE SUCH A PERV! LECH! FLOPPASOID!

(COKUDA) I DON'T GET THE LAST ONE, BUT IT SOUNDS INSULTING.

NO.62: "THE WEB IS DIRTY!"



WHAT'S WRONG?  
WHAT DID IT SAY?

HHMM. I WONDER.

NO.63: "THE WEB IS EXPLOSIVE!"



(OKUDA) A LONG TIME AGO--WELL, MAYBE TEN YEARS--RUSSIAN-MADE TVs WERE NOTORIOUS FOR EXPLODING. THEY WERE CALLED THE RAINBOW DEVIL.

(SASAM) S-SCARY!

(OKUDA) OUR ISP'DN OFTEN SURPRISES US WITH A HUGE BILL.

(SASAM) AREN'T YOU JUST LOOKING AT TOO MANY DIRTY SITES?

(OKUDA) .....

(SASAM) YOU MEAN I'M RIGHT?

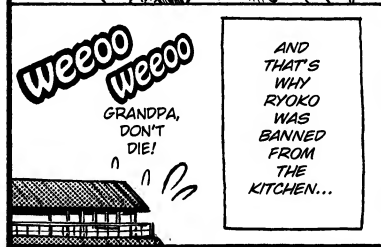
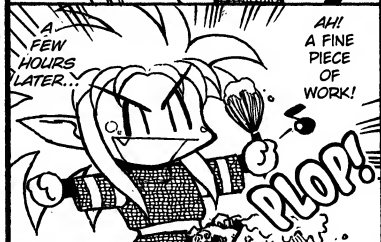
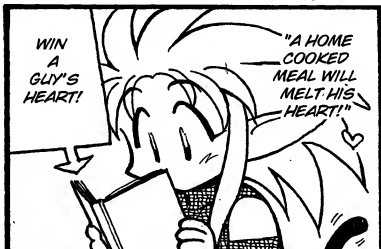
(OKUDA) N-NO WAY! ME? NEVER...!

NO.64: "THE WEB IS EXPENSIVE!"



NO.34:

"HOW TO WIN TENCHI'S HEART, PART 1."



(COKUDA) RYOKO NEEDS TO REALIZE HER LIMITATIONS.

(SASAM) SHE'S TRYING AS HARD AS SHE CAN! LEAVE HER ALONE!

(COKUDA) YOU JUST LIKE SHOWING HER UP!

(SASAM) YEAH, YEAH--WHATEVER.

(COKUDA) SIGH...IT'S KIND OF SAD WHEN MY PROVOCATIONS ARE BRUSHED ASIDE...(SNIFF)

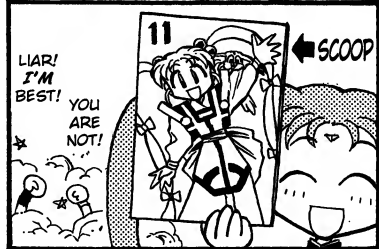
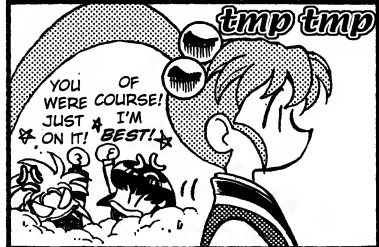
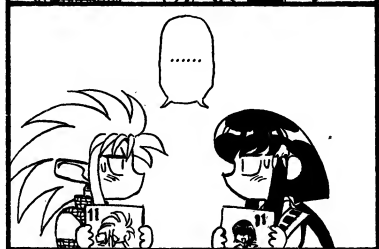
(SASAM) THANK YOU, MR. OKUDA, FOR PUTTING ME ON THE COVER OF TENCHI MUYO! I'M SO HAPPY!♡  
(COKUDA) HA, HA, HA. WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR NEXT COVER?

(SASAM) HOW ABOUT A GORGEOUS DRESS WITH A LOT OF LAYERS-LIKE A ROYAL KIMONO, WITH TONS OF FRILLY LACE, AND GOBS OF BEAUTIFUL JEWELS!♡

(COKUDA) TOO MUCH WORK. I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO GO NAKED...

(SASAM) NOOOOOO!

NO.66: "ON SALE JAN.10, 2000!"



NO.67:  
"HOW TO WIN TENCHI'S HEART PT. 2."



(OKUDA) YOU SEE? IT'S AN EDUCATIONAL STRIP ABOUT HOW OUR OWN PERCEPTIONS CAN BE CLOUDED.

(SASAMI) THEY SURE CAN..

(OKUDA) HA, HA! JUST WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING, SASAMI?

(SASAMI) D-DON'T...CHOKE ME...PLEASE...

(OKUDA) YOU SPOIL THEM TOO MUCH!

(SASAMI) BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT EVERYONE!

(OKUDA) IT MAKES THEM LAZY! COME TO MY HOUSE AND MAKE ME DINNER! TIDY UP MY ROOM!

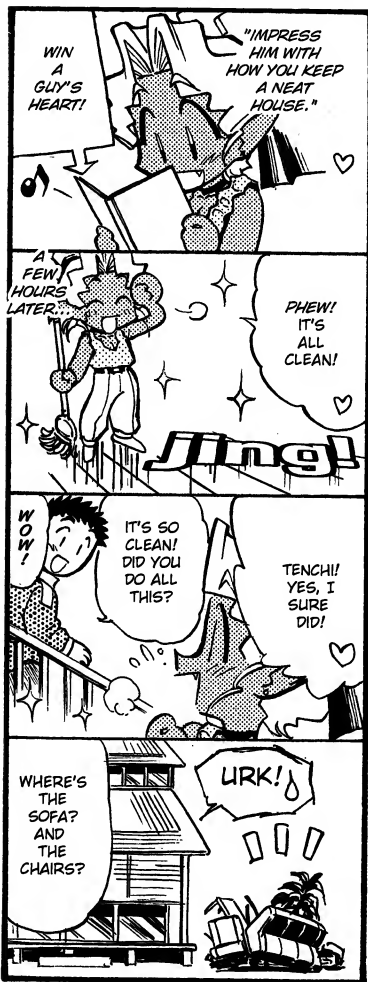
(SASAMI) AH! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED...

NO.68:  
"HOW TO WIN TENCHI'S HEART, PT. 3"



NO. 69:

"HOW TO WIN TENCHI'S HEART, PT. 4."



(OKUDA) COME CLEAN MY HOUSE! I MEAN, PLEASE...

(SASAMI) YOU SHOULD'VE ASKED NICELY TO BEGIN WITH.

(OKUDA) WHAT?! YOU MEAN YOU WOULD?!

(SASAMI) NO!

(SASAMI) I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...  
WHAT IS WASHU ALWAYS **RESEARCHING** ABOUT TENCHI?

(OKUDA) WELL...SHE \*%@\$ HIS @#\*& AND --%@#...

(SASAMI) EEEEEK!

(SASAMI) I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED...  
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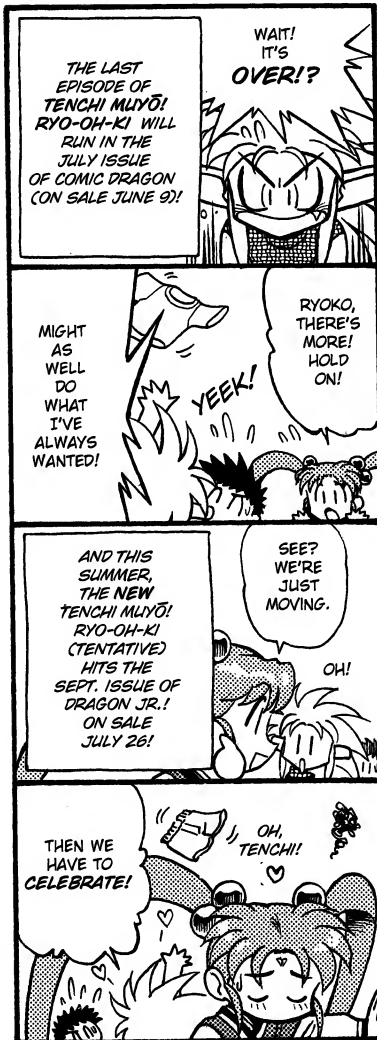
(SASAMI) EEEEEK!

NO. 70:

"HOW TO WIN TENCHI'S HEART, PT. 5"



NO.71: "WE WON'T SAY GOODBYE!"



(OKUDA) ALTHOUGH THE STORY WILL CONTINUE, I'LL GET A LITTLE BREAK. IT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE!

(SASAMU) 79 EPISODES IN ALL. GOOD JOB!

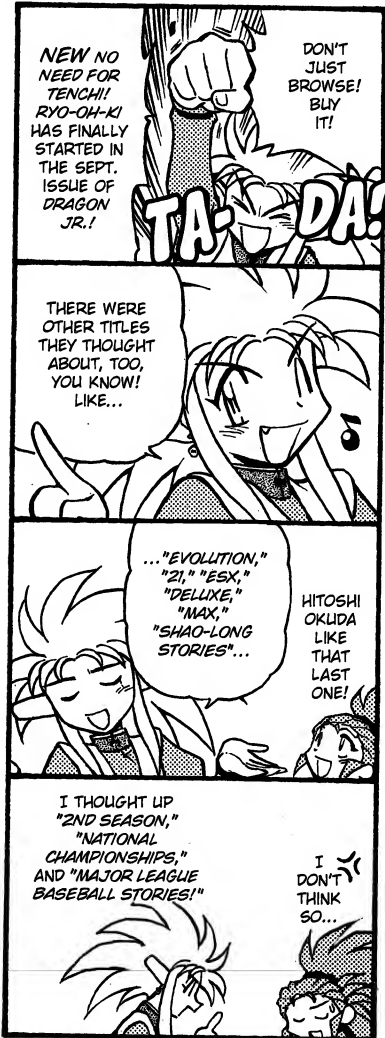
(SASAMU) A YEAR AFTER THE MANGA BEGAN, THE THIRD SEASON OAV AND THE TV SERIES WERE ANNOUNCED! SO YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE...

(OKUDA) THE ADDRESS ON THE LAST PANEL IS NOW [HTTP://WWW.TENCHI-WEB.COM](http://www.tenchi-web.com)

NO.72: "PROMOTION MONTH (SERIOUSLY)."



NO.73: "COLOR WORK TAKES SO LONG."



(SASAMI) WASN'T THERE A **NEW NO NEED FOR TENCHI!** AMONG THE TV SERIES?

(OKUDA) THIS ONE'S **NEW NO NEED FOR TENCHI!! RYO-OH-KI!**

(SASAMI) AND THAT'S NOT THE SAME, **HUIH?**

(OKUDA) NO! NOT AT ALL!

I ALSO DREW THE SPECIAL CARD VIRGIN SUMMONING DRAGON FOR THE SEPT. ISSUE! ♥

(OKUDA) THE LAST EPISODE! I'M AMAZED I NEVER MISSED A MONTH.

(SASAMI) ME, TOO. PRETTY GOOD FOR MR. SLOWPOKE.

(OKUDA) WHATEVER!

(BOTH) THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

NO.74: "MOOD-MAKERS TASTE GOOD!"



